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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 1048

E. O. 11652 GDS

TANGS: PINS MO LY

SUBJ: MOROCCAN EXILES CLAIM CREDIT FOR KHENIFRA INCIDENT

REF: RABAT 1037

1. WE DRAW DEPARTMENT' S ATTENTION TO FBIS KYRENGA TRANSMISSIONS M 080934 AND M 091017 TRANSMITTING " TRIPOLI LIBERATION MAGAZINE IN ARABIC TO MOROCCO." PRESUMABLY SPEAKING FOR UNFP EXILES LED BY MOHAMED EL BASRI, WHO CLOSELY LINKED WITH TRIPOLI BROADCASTS, BROADCASTER GIVES CREDIT TO " OUR FREE FIGHTERS" ATTACK ON POLICE POST NEAR KHENIFRA (REFTEL). IT ALSO NOTES CASABLANCA BOMBS, WITH ONE BROADCAST SAYING " FREE MEN" HAVE STAGED REVOLUTION ON OUR MOUNTAINS AND IN OUR CITIES. OUR FIGHTERS FIRED THE FIRST SHOT OF THE POPULAR REVOLUTION ON MARCH 3." BROADCAST ALSO CALLS ON ALL MOROCCANS TO JOIN " REVOLUTION"

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THROUGH " RISING IN ARMS OR EVEN WRITING SLOGANS ON WALLS."

2. COMMENT: IT CONCEIVABLE THAT EL BASRI MIGHT BE CONNECTED WITH KHENIFRA INCIDENT. HE HAS LONG- TERM CONNECTIONS WITH BERBER TRIBAL " ARMY OF LIBERATION" ELEMENTS WHO FOUGHT FRENCH BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. ALSO, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REPORTS IN LAST YEAR THAT EL BASRI HAS BEEN TRYING TO STIR UP DISSIDENT ELEMENTS IN MIDDLE ATLAS AND RIF. IT ALSO POSSIBLE EXILES NOT CONNECTED WITH INCIDENTS AND MERELY TRYING TO CAPITALIZE ON THEM. GOM SECURITY OFFICIALS ARE INTENSIVELY INVESTIGATING KHENIFRA INCIDENT AND CASABLANCA BOMBS AND MAY DISCOVER WHETHER OR NOT THERE ANY LINKS TO OPPOSITION IN EXILE. TRIPOLI BROADCAST IS CERTAIN TO ANGER KING AND PROBABLY CAUSE FURTHER INTENSIFICATION OF SECURITY ACTIVITIES HERE.
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